



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 02356.0090

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	
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Brigitte GICQUEL	)	Group Art Unit: 1645
	)	
Application No.: 10/777,131	)	Examiner: SWARTZ, Rodney
	)	
Filed: February 13, 2004	)	
	)	
For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS	)	Confirmation No.: 3675
FOR DETECTING MULTIDRUG	)	
RESISTANT STRAINS OF <i>M.</i>	)	
<i>TUBERCULOSIS</i> HAVING	)	
MUTATIONS IN GENES OF THE	)	
<i>MUTT</i> FAMILY	)	

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, the period for response having been extended to April 15, 2006 (a Saturday/Sunday/Federal Holiday) by a request for extension of two (2) months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** appear at pages 2 and 3.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims at pages 4-10.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin at page 11.

**Attachments** to this amendment include a **Substitute Specification**.